



AuctionsPlus Market Comments: Week Ending Friday 15th January 2016

Cattle numbers increased to 6,615 head for the week, up 4,374 on last week, with over one third of the sale being females. Steers this week sat comfortably over the \$3/kg mark, whilst almost all of the heifers made over \$3/kg. Standout pries of the sales included a line of 10-11 month old Angus steers from Ruffy, Victoria, weighing 319kg, making 362c or \$1155, a large line of 14-18 month old Droughtmaster cross steers, 299kg from Mitchell, Queensland make 366c or \$1095, and Coonamble New South Wales sold a line of 10-11 month old Angus/ Charolais Steers, weighing 381kg, for 331c or \$1260. The top line of unjoined heifers this week were a line of 15-16 month old Charolais cross, weighing 394kg, making 318c or \$1255. Angus heifers from Glen Innes, 15-17 months old, weighing 382kg, made 322c or \$1230. At Springsure, 235kg yearling Santa and Santa cross steers sold for 384c or \$900. A large line of 196 Droughtmaster heifers from Clermont, Queensland aged from 8-18 months, weighing 258kg made 347c or \$895 with a total sale value of \$175,420.

- Steers weighing less than 250kg made 380c to 456c averaging 413c
- Heifers in the same weight range made 323c to 402c averaging 355c
- Steers ranging from 250-300kg made 345c to 386c averaging 368c
- Heifers in the same weight range made 293c to 347c averaging 327c
- Steers ranging from 300-350kg 336c to 357c averaging 347c,
- Heifers in the same weight range made 300c to 324c, averaging 310c
- Steers over 350kg made from 299c to 344, averaging 325c
- Heavy heifers over 350kg made from 288c to 325c, averaging 314c

In the Wagyu job, Brangus/Wagyu cattle offered out of southern QLD saw steers weighing 265kg sell for 400c and the heifers weighing 264kg make 402c. Further south at Goulburn, 227kg Wagyu/Angus steers sold for 601c or \$1365, and the 217kg heifers made 560c or \$1230.

Joined females made an impact on today sale with some standout stud Wagyu heifers, PTIC to Wagyu bulls, from Millmerran, Queensland selling for a top of \$4,250. Karabeal, Victoria offered the top lines of commercial cattle with 4-5 year old Hereford Cows, PTIC to Hereford bulls, making \$2,310, with the 5-6 year old cows PTIC to Hereford bulls, making \$2,250. Barraba, New South Wales offered a young line of Angus heifers, PTIC to Wagyu bulls, of Glenavon blood making \$1,930.

With Cows & Calves number increasing so did the prices with increased restocker competition. Inverell, New South Wales offered the stand out lines of Cows and Calves this week with 5 year old Angus Cows with Angus calves at foot averaging 224kg, rejoined back to Angus bulls making a massive \$2,770, whilst Cows and Calves from the same area



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ranged from \$2,350-\$2,740. Angus first calvers, with Angus calves at foot averaging 131kg, rejoined back to Angus bulls, made \$2,150 from Oberon, New South Wales. A line of 3-10 year old Angus Cows of Hazeldean blood, with Wagyu calves at foot, PTIC back to Wagyu bulls from Drillham, Queensland made \$2,110.

The Lawsons Angus Bull sale in Esperance WA was interfaced with AuctionsPlus, the first time the stud has opened up competition online. The sale achieved 100% clearance of 102 bulls offered with a top price of \$10,000 and an average of \$5,835. 10 bulls were purchased by online bidders.